saleable steel during the current financial year;

(b) the achievement made so far; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to increase its production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Expected production of finished steel in 1991-92 is 14.5 million tonnes;

(b) Production of finished steel upto October, 1991 was 7.96 million tonnes;

(c) Various steps such as modernisation and maintenance of steel plants, monitoring supplies of inputs, improved captive power generation, adoption of better technological and manpower discipline and establishment of new plants in the private sector to augment production are taken to increase production of steel.

Steel sector has since been de-licensed for encouraging private entrepreneurs to enter into the production of steel.

**Oil India Ltd. and Bharat Petroleum Ltd**

3441. SHRI GOVINDA CHANDRA MUNDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of posts reserved for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes are lying vacant in Indian Oil Corporation, Oil and Natural Gas Commission, Oil India Ltd. and Bharat Petroleum Ltd.;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to fill up the vacant posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**Committee to go into Problems of Farmers**

3442. SHRI B. DEVARAJAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a Committee to go into the problems of farmers in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to include experts in the field of agriculture and the Members of Parliament in the committee; and

(c) the time frame proposed for the setting up of such a Committee and submission of its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Question does not arise.

**Production of Aluminium**

3443. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of aluminium has decreased since 1984-85; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to increase the production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) No, Sir. On the contrary